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Woman, 25, taken from home

LAKE SHORE-BATHURST

Men tried to force her into sex trade: Police

Toronto police have arrested two men, and are looking for two others, after a woman was kidnapped from her home and attempts were made to force her into the sex trade.

The woman, 25, was at her home in the Lake Shore Boulevard W. and Bathurst Street area when she heard a knock at the door on Dec. 19. Four men forced their way in and took her "against her will," police say.

"The woman did not know the four men," Const. Jenifferjit Sidhu said. "She's never seen these men before."

The woman was then driven to different locations in the city and switched between various cars. All her identification and her debit and credit cards were taken, police say, and all her money was withdrawn from her accounts.

There was also an attempt to force the victim into the sex trade, police say, and she was held captive for more than eight hours.

Liam Durham, 26, and Alex Fredericks, 26, both from Toronto, were arrested and face charges of kidnapping, forcible confinement, robbery, trafficking people and withholding documents.

Police are looking for Kirk Hosten-Alexander, 23, and Rayan Graham, 26, both of Toronto.

Joy Smith, a Manitoba MP who started an organization to provide support to the victims of sex-trafficking, said cases where women are kidnapped by strangers and forced into the sex trade are "unusual," but she said it has happened before.

"Canadians aren't always aware it is happening because it's happening under their noses," she said, adding many wrongly believe only "bad girls or bad boys" get caught up in these situation.

Instead of kidnapping, Smith said predators usually target underage girls by befriending them, separating them from support systems like friends and then becoming their boyfriends and forcing them into stripping or having sex to "build a future."

Each victim, she said, makes a sex trafficker between $260,000 and $280,000 a year.

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Toronto digest

IMPAIRED DRIVING
Deaths stun York police
York Regional Police are calling 2016 one of the worst years they've seen recently for impaired driving deaths, after nine people were killed in drunk-driving incidents. There were 1,265 total drunk-driving incidents in 2016, an increase of 10 over the previous year.

"It's surprising and baffling, to be honest," said Const. Laura Nicolle.

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FENTANYL
Effort to head off crisis
Toronto officials don't know why B.C.'s deadly fentanyl crisis has not yet spread to the city, but they're aiming to ensure it never does.

On Monday, Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Toronto's acting medical officer of health, will chair the first in a series of monthly gatherings in a joint effort to prevent any spike in overdoses involving illicit opioid drugs.

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TRUMP HAT
Judge not hearing cases
A Hamilton judge who wore a Make America Great Again hat to court the day after the U.S. election and declared his support for president-elect Donald Trump is no longer hearing cases.

Justice Bernd Zabel, appointed in 1990, stopped being assigned new cases on Dec. 21, a spokeswoman for the Ontario Court of Justice confirmed Thursday.

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CANADIAN FORCES
Voyeurism investigated
A member of the Canadian Forces is under investigation by military police for voyeurism at a GTA defence facility, a military spokesperson says.

The CBC quoted a source as saying the investigation began when a female soldier in Downsview discovered a cellphone taped under a sink in a women's change room.

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TTC store a hit over the holidays

MARKETING
Merchandise worth $60,000 sold in first month alone

TTC-branded mugs, T-shirts, and water bottles were flying off the shelves of the transit agency's new online shop faster than a speeding streetcar this past holiday season.

According to TTC spokesperson Brad Ross the online store, which relaunched with an expanded range of products on Nov. 28, sold $60,000 worth of merchandise in its first month in operation.

The TTC store sells this umbrella featuring subway lines. CONTRIBUTED

The transit agency only gets to pocket a portion of the proceeds from retail sales, however. The store is operated by a company called SVS Marketing, which takes a cut of the profits in exchange for sourcing products, shipping orders, and collecting payment.

Other cities have shown there's money to be made in trading on their public transit agency's brand. New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority generates more than $600,000 a year in revenue from licensing its trademarks, according to the agency's 2015 annual report.

Official outlets of London's Transport Museum sell everything from model trains to limited edition Fender guitars emblazoned with the iconic map of the city's Underground system. The BBC has reported the shop nets London's transport authority the equivalent of about $4 million a year.

No matter how successful the TTC's new store is, retail revenues won't amount to more than a drop in the bucket for an organization that has an annual operating budget of $1.9 billion. But the TTC is hoping that the shop helps ongoing efforts to improve its reputation among the public.

"It's about supporting the brand and supporting all the work we're doing," Ross said. "It's an important part of keeping the TTC relevant in the 21st century."

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RAID
Venomous snakes seized from home

The owner of an "extremely dangerous and venomous" menagerie faces up to $100,000 in fines after the City of Toronto seized 20 snakes from a North York home.

The collection includes puff adders, cobras, rattlesnakes and vipers, all now in the custody of Toronto Animal Services, said City spokesperson Bruce Hawkins. "The City received information from the Canada Border Services Agency that a quantity of venomous snakes had been imported from Asia and were destined for a Toronto address," he said.

Rattlesnakes were among the snakes recovered in a raid.
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The City says there are no federal or provincial laws against importing venomous snakes into Canada. But Toronto bylaws prohibit owning any venomous or poisonous snakes and any snake that can grow to more than three metres in length.

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Princess Diana's handwritten letters fetch thousands at auction. **World**

Cool under pressure

While you might be dreading your walk to the streetcar or the five-minute sprint from your car to your cosy office, these Torontonians spend hours outside working some of the city's coldest jobs. Metro chatted with them about what it's like to battle the elements and got their tips for fighting the deep freeze that's expected to hang around all weekend. **MAY WARREN**/METRO

Holly Campbell, airport duty manager at Billy Bishop Airport

Campbell is outside for as many as 10 hours a day, helping with traffic, snow removal and the ferry to the island airport.

She doesn't mind much, although she admits some of her friends and family with cushier office jobs might think she's crazy.

"I like to be able to get outside, enjoy fresh air and sunshine, even when it's cold," she said.

Her key to curbing the chill is to keep moving and wear lots of layers, including, of course, long underwear.

"I start about September," she said.

Meghan D'Arcy, dog walker

D'Arcy typically spends up to seven hours outside daily, walking pups and cycling around Toronto's west end to pick them up.

The owner of Walk with Meg starts prepping in the morning by consuming a "humungous breakfast" full of protein.

"If I don't eat, I'm way colder. You have to kind of keep stoking the fire of your metabolism," she said. The 29-year-old also coats her face with oil (a mix of shea butter, coconut and olive oil) to protect it from windburn and swears by waterproof mittens. Most days it's not "unbearably cold," but D'Arcy did have a rough time during 2013's ice storm.

"I had to buy some cleats for traction to be able to go to work," she said.

Charan Jassal, Metrolinx transit safety officer at Union Station

Jassal spends hours every day outside Union Station making sure everyone stays safe near the tracks.

He finds staying hydrated helps with freezing temperatures, and he drinks lots of hot beverages whenever he gets a break. But his best advice is to bundle up — from balaclava to boots.

"With the winter elements you just have to work with it," he said. "You've got to dress for success."

That may seem basic, but it's something he says a high number of commuters fail to do as they run from home to train to office.

Occasionally, people who aren't wearing coats lock themselves out of their cars and are left shivering away in GO station parking lots.

"That's a situation," he said with a laugh.

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Squirrels raid convenience store

A group of squirrels are driving the owners of one Toronto convenience store nuts, after the rodents have been caught on tape stealing chocolate bars from their shop.

Cindy Kim, whose family owns Luke's Grocery near Broadview Station, told Metro squirrels have stolen around 48 chocolate bars from store shelves in the past few months.

Her family posted a video of the furry bandits inching tentatively into the store, grabbing bars from a low shelf and then scurrying out to the street.

"We have chased after them and so have people in the store, but they often get away and one or two bars a day adds up profitwise," Kim said.

While the squirrels made off with at least one Kinder Bueno and Crunchie bar, they're not picky.

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"It's a different bar each time: O'Henry, Mr. Big, etc. It happens about once every two to three days," Kim wrote in a Reddit post.

Kim said the store has tried calling animal services, who couldn't help.

"People have suggested a screen door… (and) I suppose we could move shelves around, but it's a lot of work," she said.

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#METROARTSCHALLENGE

Create a unique slogan for your city

At the end of 2016, in a classic wish-for-more-wishes move, we challenged you to come up with more arts challenges for the coming year. We got so many great ones, and we can't wait to see you put your own twist on them.

Here's your first task of the new year, courtesy of reader Geri Mortazavi.

What should Toronto's motto be? Take a sign that says "Welcome to Toronto," and add your unique slogan underneath. Remember, this will be the sign tourists will see upon entering the city, so make sure it captures the spirit of Toronto as you see it.

The motto can be clever, touching, funny or poetic. The more creative, the better. You could even make a slogan in symbols. To enter the challenge, snap a picture or scan your slogan — or just type it — and send it to **genna.buck@metronews.ca or tweet with the hashtag #MetroArtsChallenge.**

Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam is celebrating her sweet tooth in 2017, and plans to cycle across Canada in search of the perfect butter tart. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

On a quest for the perfect butter tart

BAKING

Councillor says the secret ingredient is love

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

> To me a butter tart is the perfect dessert. It's perfect with tea, it's perfect with coffee, it's just perfect. Kristyn Wong-Tam

Kristyn Wong-Tam has seldom met a butter tart she didn't like.

"People don't know that I have a sweet tooth," says the downtown councillor, known more for championing social housing and community development than for her culinary commentary.

"I rarely pass up on dessert," she admits. "I usually eat very healthy, but I have a total weakness for sweets and particularly I'm fond of butter tarts."

Wong-Tam is such a fan of the pastry that she plans to scour the country on her bicycle in search of Canada's top tart. The trip is on her "bucket list," but she's contemplating getting it rolling this summer, when she takes part in a Toronto to Montreal bike ride.

So, what makes a perfect butter tart? Wong-Tam isn't shy about her preferences: Deeper dish, not shallow. Flaky enough to peel off, but dense enough to hold its integrity. A solid ceiling but with some liquidity. Oh, and she's not a fan of raisins in her tarts.

But above all, the secret ingredient is love.

"I'm very picky but I can tell if it's been made with loving hands and not mass produced," she said. "There's a real fine craft to it. People really take a lot of pride in their butter tarts."

Since announcing her lifelong goal, various people have contacted her with suggestions. She's been invited to butter tart festivals and local bakeries are offering up free samples.

"It tells me that I'm not alone. Canadians all over the country really do like their butter tarts," she said, noting she'll consider those local invitations as she gears up for the big tour.

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Officials look forward to a potential tourism boost

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

A glowing New York Times report "did a really good job at capturing Ottawa." ISTOCK

Ottawa's tourist sector is celebrating a glowing New York Times report published Thursday, on the city "emerging from the shadow of Montreal and Toronto."

The paper's 36 Hours in Ottawa report invites visitors to poke around the Château Laurier, sip wine on Sparks Street and get "a consummately Canadian sugar rush" of BeaverTails.

"To get on people's wish lists, you need articles like this," says Ottawa Tourism spokeswoman Jantine Van Kregten. "You need concrete examples of why someone would want to go there."

A 2007 Times article with the same title stuck to downtown, but Thursday's story ventures to Hintonburg and Centretown, which Van Kregten says speaks to the city's emerging neighbourhoods.

"The author did a really good job at capturing Ottawa," she said. "You can piece together a really kick-ass weekend by what the New York Times has shared."

Craig MacDonald, director of Ottawa Walking Tours, says media coverage plays a "huge" role in planting the idea of visiting in someone's head, or solidifying it.

"The larger the newspaper, the more likely you are to have them come up here," said MacDonald, who's thrilled the U.S. dollar is keeping high as Canada 150 events kick off.

"We're looking forward to a fantastic year."

Unlike its January 2015 report on the ByWard Market, the Times' opted against recommending the Wine Rack. That article "created some buzz" for Amanda May Lingerie.

"We had a lot of friends and family share the article which got us some new customers and had a few tourists over the summer stop by, thanks to the article," May said.

MEDIA

Buzz

Canada has made a lot of international news recently as a place to visit and watch. Here are some examples:

1. New York Times delved into the differences between Canadian and American Thanksgiving

2. The Guardian devoted a series to our country by launching Canada Week, with a peek at five Canadian cities

3. Lonely Planet named Canada the best place to travel in 2017

4. Vogue lusted over Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with an intimate photoshoot where he was pictured embracing wife Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau

TURKEY

Canadian charged for 'insulting' Erdogan

A Canadian woman has been arrested in Turkey for allegedly insulting the country's president in comments posted on Facebook, her Turkish lawyer said Thursday.

Ece Heper, 50, was arrested in the city of Kars in northeastern Turkey, and charged on Dec. 30, Sertac Celikkaleli said.

Heper, a dual Canadian-Turkish citizen, had been in the country since mid-November, according to her friends.

"She is intense and opinionated, for sure," Birgitta Pavic said from her Toronto home.

At issue, her friends and lawyer said, are several recent Facebook posts about President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

In one posted on Dec. 28, Heper accused Erdogan of jailing journalists who suggest there is evidence Turkey is supporting Daesh.

Global Affairs Canada said they are aware of a Canadian citizen detained in Turkey and are providing consular assistance, but wouldn't divulge further information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- 1 cup (250) beef stock
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- 8 carrots, diced into 1-inch (2.5cm) cubes
- 2 celery sticks, 1/2-inch thick sliced
- 2 cups (500ml) button mushrooms
- 2 bay leaves

Instructions

Season the roast with salt and pepper. Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the roast and sear on all sides until brown. Scatter the vegetables and add the bay leaves. Saute until the onions start to become translucent. Add the red wine, beef stock and the Puttanesca Sauce. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Simmer for 3 hours, basting every hour with the sauce, until the beef is fork tender.

Remove the roast, slice and arrange on a warm serving platter. Garnish with the vegetables. Serve with the sauce.

Serves 6 to 8

Women's March our first step

Those who've signed on have agreed to fight for equality and inclusivity — and to stand united

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Protesters rally against Donald Trump outside of Trump Tower in New York on Nov. 3. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Here's your motto for 2017, courtesy of the columnist Connie Schultz: "Your voice matters, but only if you use it."

Thus, hundreds of thousands marching in Washington and 47 U.S. states, never mind around the world, is a perfect start to the era of Trump. A critical, powerful first step to make dissenting voices heard.

And yet the Women's March on Washington — a movement set for Jan. 21 to defend the rights of women, LGBTQ people, Muslims and those of all faiths, racialized people and ultimately all people — has already been deemed useless by some.

Feminists are "making Trump's threat about themselves," argued Shikha Dalmia in The Week. Trump and his Republican-controlled capital aren't actually a threat to women. It's just feminists getting hysterical, and responding with "a confused and pointless march," she writes.

Leaving aside the worn-out misogyny of arguing that the women's movement is a shriek-fest, this kind of put-down — that the march isn't focused, that it has no clear purpose, that it's making a fuss that won't help — is the kind of pre-packaged criticism you could throw at any movement, of any era, at any time.

Those who've signed on have in fact agreed to something: They've agreed to fight for equality, inclusivity, and to stand united against threats that will inevitably hit the most marginalized, first. And most importantly, they've agreed to be vocal about it.

The Women's March is a crucial first step in igniting widespread left-wing activism across the U.S. It is an opportunity to galvanize action that will need to be sustained for years. It's a reminder to Republicans — who lost the popular vote, who gerrymandered and vote-suppressed their way into federal and state victories, despite the fact that the U.S. is generally become more left-leaning — that they have the entire rest of the country to answer to. Not just their voters.

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The march defends women's reproductive rights and health care, and women's dignity in the face of Trumpian hyper-masculinity and its portrayal of women as "nasty." It rejects white supremacist sentiment. It stands up for women impacted by government policies that increase poverty.

The sister marches in nearly all states also take the battle for women's rights, civil rights, religious freedom and progressive values to where they are deeply needed: at the state level.

Collective activism, widespread in scale and purpose, is the only thing that stands a chance of mitigating damage in the next four years. The march is only the beginning.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Harry 'constantly in trouble,' Princess Diana letter says

Letters sent by Britain's late Princess Diana — including one in which she described a young Prince Harry as being "constantly in trouble" while at boarding school — sold for thousands of pounds at an auction Thursday. The six handwritten notes were sent to Cyril Dickman, a former head steward at Buckingham Palace, during the 1980s and 1990s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

Attacks in Baghdad kill 27

Several attacks in and around Baghdad, including a suicide car bombing in a busy commercial area after nightfall on Thursday, killed at least 27 people in a particularly brutal day in the Iraqi capital.

The suicide bomber, who targeted shops and food stands near a bus station in the city's busy Bab al-Muadam area, killed 11, a police officer said. He says the bombing also wounded at least 22 people. Bombings elsewhere in and around Baghdad killed at least 16 people and wounded dozens, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Hate-crime charges filed in Chicago attack on mentally disabled man

Four black people were charged with hate crimes Thursday in connection with a video broadcast live on Facebook that showed a mentally disabled white man being beaten and taunted, threatened with a knife and forced to drink from a toilet. The assault went on for hours, until Chicago police found the disoriented victim walking along a street. The suspects can be heard on the video using profanities against white people and Donald Trump. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ON THE VERGE OF GREAT SCIENCE

2016 was a standout year. Canadian researchers played a weighty role in observing gravitational waves for the first time, NASA's JUNO spacecraft arrived on Jupiter, and the gene-editing technology CRISPR came into its own. **2017 could be even more exciting. Here's what's on the global science agenda.**

1 The black hole in our backyard

If you think a solar eclipse is the coolest celestial scene we're going to see in 2017, think again. Early this year, scientists are set to take the first-ever snapshot of an event horizon — the "point of no return" — where stuff, like hot gas and dust, gets sucked into a black hole. The black hole in question, Sagittarius A*, is right at the centre of our very own Milky Way galaxy, just 26,000 light-years away. If the predictions of Einstein's theory of general relativity are correct, it should appear as a crescent of bright gases surrounding a dark spot, and the size of the shadow it casts should be very close to current calculations. Talk about the ultimate test.

2 Synthetic blood

Blood transfusions are a miracle of modern medicine. Before the science of blood typing became accurate and reliable in the 20th century, there wasn't much of anything to be done for someone who needed blood. But there's still a perplexing problem —transfusions require an endless supply of healthy human volunteers willing to donate. Soon, that could change. In 2017, a British clinical trial is going to transfuse volunteers with synthetic blood for the first time. Because the blood cells are grown from donated stem cells, it might be more accurately called engineered or lab-grown blood. Whatever we call it, it could revolutionize medical care for people who've suffered from bleeding or bleeding disorders.

3 Planet 9 from outer space

Far, far, away, but in our galaxy, scientists believe there's a large, icy planet on the outer edge of our solar system. It only orbits Earth once every 15,000 years or so. We haven't seen it (just objects orbiting it), but several teams around the world have telescopes trained on the spot they believe Planet 9 may be lurking.

4 A major victory against malaria

2017 may well be remembered as the year we finally tamed one of the greatest killers in human history: Plasmodium, the mosquito-borne parasite that causes malaria. We're getting closer than ever to a malaria vaccine that actually works. And it's made of the malaria parasite itself, just engineered without three key genes that help it invade the liver. The first human trials, published this week in the journal Science Translational Medicine, found the vaccine is safe, doesn't cause too many side effects, and stimulates the body's immune response to malaria. The coolest part? The researchers gave the dummy parasite to patients the same way they'd get the real one: not in a syringe, but through the bite of an infected mosquito. The next steps are to test it on more people and determine how vaccinated patients fare when exposed to the disease.

If the results are good, a vaccine will fight malaria in a way no insecticide, protective gear or bed netting could. Resolution 2018: Kiss malaria goodbye for good.

5 Quantum computers

All modern computing is based on binary code: A series of numbers called "bits" that can be in one of two states: 0 or 1. Because quantum physics is crazy, tiny subatomic particles (like photons, the stuff light is made of) can be in more than one state at the same time (such as up, down, or both). Because of this, quantum computers have the potential to do super-complex calculations today's computers can't handle. Until now, it's been mostly theoretical. But some scientists believe we'll see quantum computers IRL in 2017. Both Google and Microsoft have quantum projects in the works.

FINDINGS
Your week in science

NASA

PLUTO'S PENITENTES
Penitentes: spectacular spires of natural ice, stretching as far as the eye can see, are famously found in the Andes. Now York University researchers say penitentes made of methane and nitrogen are on Pluto, too.

SINGLE IN THE SUBURBS
Find suburbia depressing? It's not just you. When humans invade their forest homes, certain songbirds — including the Pacific wren and Swainson's thrush — flee the area, fail to breed bird babies, and even "divorce" from their long-term mates, says a 10-year study of the Seattle area.

SOUND SMART

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Clouds over Hollywood

Awards season is upon us but with many questions hanging over the movie industry, it's not really time to celebrate. Here are Metro's thoughts on clearing the skies.

Hollywood is facing many questions about its future direction. Metro thinks greater influence and impact from the likes of, left to right, Ava DuVernay, Kristen Stewart and Guillermo Del Toro would go a long way to helping. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

It's awards season, a heady time when the movie biz pats itself on the back for a job well done. Tuxedoes are rented, Botox injected by the gallon and hundreds of miles of red carpets unfurled as industry insiders honour the best of the best with statues and speeches.

But is it really a time for celebration? The movie biz had a record-breaking year, raking in north of $11.4 billion on the backs of, as one industry insider said, "a forgetful fish, infighting superheroes and some intergalactic rebels."

But for every Finding Dory, Captain America or Rogue One, which all earned good reviews and audience support, there were dozens of others that acted as public repellent, driving viewers away in droves. Those unsuccessful movies are dark clouds hanging heavy over the Hollywood landscape. Metro has some thoughts on how to clear the skies and ensure smooth sailing until Hollywood runs out of awards to hand out.

Let's spend more time watching imaginative new worlds and ideas brought to life on the screen. Give me more movies from Guillermo Del Toro, Edgar Wright and Andrea Arnold, filmmakers who constantly reinvent our relationship with story and cinema.

Although I'm looking forward to John Wick 2 and Skull Island, let's cut back on the reboots, reimaginings, remakes and films with numbers in their titles.

Let Kristen Stewart do anything she wants. Her death-defying leap from a Young Adult idol to indie star has been inspiring to watch. She digs deeper and deeper with every role, distancing herself from the teeny-bopper image that defined the early part of her career. Her choices are wild and woolly and you don't know what to expect next from her. More please.

No more 'interesting' movies from Will Smith. His over-thinking has done more collateral damage to his once towering career than his last film, Collateral Beauty.

More convulsive belly laughs triggered by thoughtful, interesting jokes please. That means fewer films that mistake politically incorrect "did he really just say that?" jokes for actual humour.

Can we have more reliance on the human touch on screen; directors like Jim Jarmusch, Mira Nair and Barry Jenkins who use instinct and experience to create their art.

Let's have less studio reliance on branding, formula and script algorithms like ScriptBook, ScripThreads and Slated. Successful movie ideas don't come from marketing departments or mathematical analysis, they come from the hearts and minds of interesting storytellers.

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We need more films that pass both the Bechdel Test (does the movie feature a scene where two women discuss something other than a man?) as well as the DuVernay Test (do the African American and other minority characters have fully realized lives or are they just scenery in white stories?) If the answer is yes to either of these questions, you'll have more films that better reflect the world we live in.

Finally, it's time for Hollywood to be truly egalitarian. We need to see an end to white actors cast in non-white roles. It's not knee-jerk political correctness — it's justice for years of whitewashing in Hollywood. Recently in Doctor Strange, Gods of Egypt, Aloha and many others caucasian actors were cast in roles written or conceived for people of colour. Let's stop that in 2017.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Hidden Figures	★★★★
Silence	★★★★
A Monster Calls	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

NEW SERIES

A tale of drug-smuggling Mennonites

What if Walter White was a Mennonite?

Pure, which premieres Monday on CBC-TV, is based on actual accounts of Mennonites acting as drug mules. Various reports suggest some members were smuggling cocaine and marijuana into Canada all the way from Mexico by hiding drugs in hollowed-out car batteries and wheels of cheese.

Series writer and creator Michael Amo (The Listener) had a hard time selling networks on a Christian sect version of Breaking Bad.

"I couldn't get any traction on it," says Amo, whose Russian-immigrant grandparents were Mennonites. "I found there was a lot of resistance to the notion that this was even real."

Well-publicized busts involving drug mules in Calgary and southwestern Ontario helped open a few eyes, says Amo. Around the same time, so did the success of True Detective and Fargo, two dark dramas that proved there was an appetite for short-run series.

Shaw Media developed Pure for a while "then decided it wasn't for them," says Amo. That's when CBC stepped in, with the series going into production in Nova Scotia this past fall.

Key to the project was finding the right actor to play Noah Funk, the God-fearing head of the Mennonite community.

"Walter White's journey was all about a good man becoming bad," says Amo. "Our story is about a very good man becoming bad in deed, but always remaining good in heart and being tormented by all these transgressions."

Amo found his straight arrow leader in Ryan Robbins, a native of Victoria, B.C. with credits on everything from Arrow to Continuum and Battlestar Galactica. Clean-shaven and sporting nerdy glasses, a straw hat and suspenders, Robbins looks the part. Funk's un-Godly dilemma: he must betray a fellow Mennonite in order to rid his community of drug traffickers.

The plan backfires when drug kingpin Eli Voss (Peter Outerbridge) threatens Funk's family if he doesn't look the other way on the smuggling operation.

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MOVIE LISTINGS

DOWNTOWN

Carlton Cinema Theatre
20 Carlton St., 416-494-9371
Arrival Fri-Thu 6:40-9:15 **Assassin's Creed** Fri-Sat 1:05-3:45-6:35-9:25 Sun 1:05-3:45-9:25 Mon-Wed 1:05-3:45-6:35-9:25 Thu 1:05-3:45-9:25 **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:30 **Moana** Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05 **A Monster Calls** Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:50-9:20 **Nocturnal Animals** Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:45-9:20 **Passengers** Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:35-9:10 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:30 **The School of Rock** Sat 10 **Sing** Fri 1:20-4-6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:40 Mon-Thu 1:20-4-6:40-9:25 **Underworld: Blood Wars** Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-6:55-9:05

Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond, 416-368-5600
Assassin's Creed Fri 10:45-1:35-4:25-7:15-10 Sat 10:15-1:30-4:25-7:15-10 Sun 1:35-4:25-7:15-10 Mon-Tue 1:15-4-6:40-9:20 Wed 1:25-4-10:05 Thu 1:15-4-6:40; 3D Fri 11:45-2:30-5:15-8-10:45 Sat 10:45-5:55-8:35-11:15 Sun 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:50 Wed 2:15-5-7:40-10:30 Thu 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:50 **The Bye Bye Man** Thu 9:20 **Collateral Beauty** Fri-Sat 10:15-12:40-3:05-5:30-7:50-10:20 Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:30 Mon-Tue 2:15-4:40-7-9:20 Wed 2:15-4:40-9:30 Thu 2:15-4:40 **Doctor Strange** Fri-Sat 10-12:40-6:30 Sun 10:45-12:30-6:20 Mon-Wed 1:30-7:20 Thu 2-7:30; 3D Fri-Sun 4:30-10:10 Mon 4:05-9:40 Tue-Thu 4-9:40 **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** Fri-Sat 3:20-9:20 Sun 3:10-9:10 Mon-Wed 4:10-10:10 Thu 4:35-10:10; 3D Fri-Sun 10:30-1:30-7:10 Mon 1:10-6:40 Tue-Thu 1-6:40 **A Monster Calls** Fri-Sat 12:20-3-5:40-8:20-11 Sun 12-2:40-5:20-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:20-10 **Nocturnal Animals** Fri-Sat 11:30-2:30-5:20-8:05-10:55 Sun 11:10-2:10-5-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:10 **Office Christmas Party** Fri-Sat 10:30-1:10-3:40-6:10-8:40-11:10 Sun 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 Mon-Tue 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Wed 1:10-3:40-7-9:45 Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 **Patriots Day** Thu 7-10 **Rogue One** Fri-Sat 11-12:15-2:20-3:30-5:30-6:50-8:45-10:05 Sun 11-12:15-2:20-3:30-5:30-6:45-8:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 2-3:15-5-6:20-8:10-9:30; IMAX Fri-Sat 10-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Sun 10-1:10-4:20-7:25-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-4-7-10; 3D Fri-Sat 11:30-2:50-6-9:15 Sun 11:30-2:50-6-9:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:40-8:50 Fri-Sat 10:30-1:45-4:55-8:05-11:15 Sun 10:30-1:45-4:55-8-11 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 **Underworld: Blood Wars 3D** Fri 11-1:20-3:45-6:10-8:35-11 Sat 1:25-3:40-5:30-7:55-10:20 Sun 1-3:25-5:50-8:15-10:40 Mon 1:10-3:25-5:40-8-10:20 Tue-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20

Market Square
80 Front St., 416-494-9371
Assassin's Creed Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:55-9:45 **La La Land** Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:05-9:50 **Passengers** Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:10-9:55 **Rogue One** Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:35 **Sing** Fri-Sat 12:40-4-7-9:40 Sun-Mon 4-9:40 Tue 12:40-4-7-9:40 Wed 4-9:40 Thu 12:40-4-7-9:40 Sun-Mon 12:40-7 Wed 12:40-7 **Underworld: Blood Wars** Fri-Thu 1:10-3:35-6:40-9:30

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55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304
Fences Fri 12:45-4-7:15-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:35-7:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:25 **Hidden Figures** Fri 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:20 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 **Jackie** Fri 1:50-4:45-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:25-10 **La La Land** Fri-Thu 12:20-3:45-7:05-10:20 Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 10:45 **Lion** Fri 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 **Manchester by the Sea** Fri 12:15-3:25-7:20-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-4-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:15-3:25-7:20-10:30 Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10:10 **Moonlight** Fri 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 **Silence** Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30 Fri-Thu 2-6-9:30

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10 Dundas St, 416-977-2642
Arrival Fri-Sun 11:50-3:10-6:10-9:15 Mon 9:55 Tue 7-9:55 Wed 9:55 **The Autopsy of Jane Doe** Fri 4-10 Sat 7 Sun 10 Mon 7 Tue 4:30-9:30 Thu 9:30 **Dangal** Fri-Sun 11:30-3-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:40-10:10 **Exhibition on Screen: The Curious World of Hilronymus Bosch Sun** 12:55 **Fences** Fri-Sun 11:10-2:30-6-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:35 **Hidden Figures** Fri-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:50-9:50 Mon 2:05-5-7:55-10:45 Tue 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:45 Wed 1:25-5-7-10:45 Thu 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:45 **Jackie** Fri-Sun 11:30-2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Mon-Thu 8:10-10:35 La La Land Fri-Sun 10-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:25-6:20-9:25 Fri 11:40-3-6:20-9:30 Sat 12-3-6:30-9:30 Sun-Thu 12-3:05-6:30-9:30 **Lion** Fri-Sun 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:30 **Live by Night** Thu 7-10:10 **London Road** Fri 1-7 Sat 10 Sun 7 Mon 2-4:30-9:30 Tue 2-7 Wed 4:30-9:30 Thu 2 **Manchester by the Sea** Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:25-10:45 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:40 Master Fri-Sun 11:20-2:50-6:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:45-5-6:20-9:40 **Moana** Fri-Sun 4:10; 3D Fri-Sun 10:30-1:15-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40 **One Piece Film: Gold** Wed 2-7 Thu 4:30-7 **Passengers** Fri-Thu 3:40; 3D Fri-Sun 9:55-12:45-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:45-6:30-9:35 Fri 1-4-7:30-10:40 Sat 6-9 Sun-Thu 12-2:50-5:40-8:40 **Railroad Tigers** Fri 10:50-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sat 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sun 10:50-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:30 Mon 1:50-4:40-7-9:45 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:40-6:40-9:30 **Rogue One** Fri 12:30-3:40-7-10:20 Sat 11:30-2:40-4:45-8-11:20 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:40-7-10:30; IMAX Fri-Sun 9:50-1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10; 3D Fri 1:30-4:40-8-11:20 Sat 12:30-3:40-7-10:20 Sun-Thu 2:30-6-9:10 Fri-Sun 10:10-1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 **Sing** Fri-Sun 9:45-10:50-1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:55 Thu 4:15-7:10-9:55 Thu 1:30; 3D Fri-Sun 12-2:45-5:30-8:15-11 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:25-6:30-9:15 **Underworld: Blood Wars 3D** Fri 12-2:40-5:40-8:30-11 Sat 11:30-2-5:20-8:20-11 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:30-10 **Why Him?** Fri-Sun 9:50-12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:55-7:45-10:30 Wed 1:40-4:15-7:45-10:30 Thu 4:55-7:45-10:30 Thu 1:30

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All showtimes run between Friday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan. 12.

Temporary route change

During track and bridge work on The Queensway, Lake Shore Boulevard, and improvements at Humber Loop through 2017

501 301 Queen

Buses will temporarily replace streetcars west of Roncesvalles Avenue, on The Queensway and Lake Shore Boulevard, and will bypass Humber Loop.

- **501/301 Queen** streetcars will operate between Roncesvalles Avenue, downtown, and Neville Park Loop.
- **501L/301L Queen** buses will operate between Dufferin Street (Dufferin Gate Loop) and Long Branch Loop, via Queen Street, The Queensway, Windermere Avenue, and Lake Shore Boulevard.
- **501M Queen** will operate a clockwise service linking The Queensway with Lake Shore Boulevard, Marine Parade Drive, and Park Lawn Road.

Customers can transfer between streetcars and buses at any point between Dufferin Street and Roncesvalles Avenue. When transferring between 501 Queen streetcars and buses using PRESTO, do not tap onto the next vehicle when boarding.

Starting January 8, 2016

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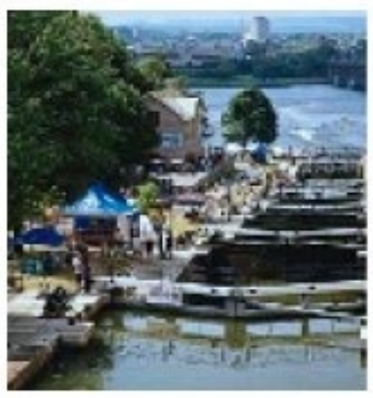
metro TRAVEL

Your essential daily news

Disney's Tower of Terror took its final plunge Monday. It is getting a Marvel makeover.

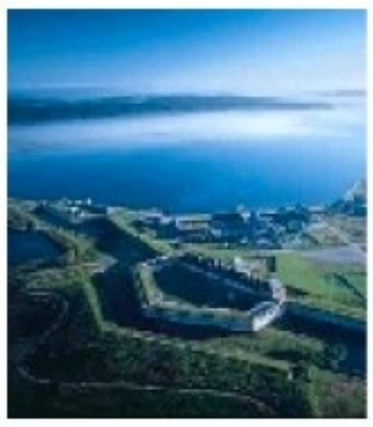
5 PARKS TO VISIT FOR CANADA'S 150TH

Parks Canada is celebrating the country's 150th birthday by offering free admission to every national park, historic site and marine conservation area from coast to coast. To date more than 1.7 million people have gone online to request a Discovery Pass. The pass represents great value for those eager to explore our country. Here are options for every adventure: **LOREN CHRISTIE/FOR METRO**



1 Best value

In addition to free entry, Parks Canada is offering free lockage on any of its historic canals and waterways. A six-metre boat that would cost $700 for a season's pass now costs nothing, making this the summer to ply our waterways including the Rideau Canal, Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage site.



2 Best historic site

The Fortress of Louisbourg on Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island is the largest historical re-creation in North America. Dozens of staff dressed as soldiers and townsfolk add the colour to the bricks and mortar of this reconstructed fort. The Discovery Pass will save a family approximately $40 on their entry fees.

THESE SPACES WON'T LAST

There are still fees and capacity restrictions applied to specialty programs and overnight accommodations, including campsites.

The reservations line for the west coast has just opened up with the rest of the country following. Visitors who want to pre-register for specialty programs can contact sites directly in the spring. There's normally no issue, but with the sesquicentennial, record numbers are predicted.

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3 Best for exploring

Ontario's Pukaskwa National Park offers almost 100 km of trails to help visitors explore its protected ecosystem, which includes a boreal forest and a vast stretch of shoreline along Lake Superior. My father-in-law, who has camped his whole life, lists the views and sunsets from Pukaskwa as the best in the county.

4 Best to avoid the crowds

Banff and Jasper are the most popular national parks in the West. To avoid crowds consider visiting some of the other majestic Western parks, like Revelstoke or Waterton Lakes National Park, an international peace park shared with the United States. With an exceptional diversity of wildlife and a cozy little waterfront town to serve as a home base, Waterton makes a great alternative.

5 Best hidden gem

Quebec's Mingan Archipelago National Reserve Park lies on the far end of the highway on the north shore of the St Lawrence. It includes some thirty limestone islands, more than a 1000 granitic islets and reefs and an abundance of marine life including whales, dolphins and seals.

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"I'm kind of getting the taste of retirement now": Chris Bosh whose NBA career has been in limbo since last February due to blood clots

WORLD JUNIORS SHOOTOUT THRILLER United States forward Colin White and Team Canada defenceman Kale Clague crash into goaltender Carter Hart during the gold-medal game of the world junior hockey championship in Montreal on Thursday night. Go to metronews.ca for the final result. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lowry leads Raps' comeback over Jazz

NBA

Point guard piles up 16 points in fourth quarter

Kyle Lowry scored 16 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter to lift the Toronto Raptors 101-93 over the Utah Jazz on Thursday.

DeMar DeRozan added 23 points for the Raptors (24-11), who never led until the game's final three-and-a-half minutes. Jonas Valanciunas finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Terrence Ross contributed 12 points.

Shelvin Mack had 17 points, while Gordon Hayward added 16 for the Jazz (22-15).

The game was the Raptors' first in the friendly confines of the Air Canada Centre since a six-game western road trip saw them go 3-3, ending it with an ugly 110-82 loss at San Antonio on Tuesday.

"Coming home, the one thing you can't do is relax and think home is going to take care of you," Raptors coach Dwane Casey warned pre-game. "You have to take care of home."

But the Raptors got off to a sluggish start, and it was the Jazz who led virtually from the opening tipoff and had an 11-point lead over the home team in the first half.

A better third-quarter effort by the Raptors pulled them to within 73-71 with one quarter to play in front of a capacity crowd of 19,800 at the Air Canada Centre.

The Jazz led by six points several times in the fourth before six consecutive points from Lowry, and a pullup jumper from DeRozan with 3:28 to play gave Toronto its first lead of the game — 89-88.

Lowry drilled a three-pointer on Toronto's next possession to put Toronto up by six points with 2:42 left. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raptors guard Kyle Lowry looks to pass the ball against Shelvin Mack of the Jazz on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY At ACC

101	93
RAPTORS	JAZZ

NHL

Caps deny Jackets a piece of history

Columbus delivered a clunker in its try for a historic win.

The Blue Jackets lost 5-0 to the Washington Capitals on Thursday night, ending their winning streak at 16 games, one shy of the NHL record.

Columbus lost for the first time since Nov. 26, ending a captivating run for coach John Tortorella's team that fell short of the 1992-93 Pittsburgh Penguins' record of 17 consecutive wins.

The Capitals kept the Blue Jackets' league-leading power play off the board in five chances, and Daniel Winnik, John Carlson, Nate Schmidt, Andre Burakovsky and Justin Williams scored to chase goalie Sergei Bobrovsky.

Bobrovsky had been rock solid during the streak but stopped just 18 of 23 shots Thursday.

A game after being pulled himself, Vezina Trophy winner Braden Holtby made 29 saves, giving Columbus just its second shutout defeat this season.

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THURSDAY In D.C.

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CAPITALS	JACKETS

MLB

Encarnacion all smiles in Cleveland

With his family watching proudly, Edwin Encarnacion stood in front of his new locker inside Cleveland's clubhouse, pulled on a fitted cap and slowly buttoned the front of his white No. 10 jersey.

Once finished, he pointed to the "Indians" logo on his chest and flashed a huge smile as cameras clicked.

It felt seamless.

"He's a perfect fit for our team," Indians president Chris Antonetti said Thursday.

Encarnacion finalized a $60-million, three-year contract — the richest in Cleveland history — with a team that got to Game 7 of the Series last season.

Encarnacion, who averaged 39 homers and 110 RBIs over the past five seasons with Toronto, wanted to join a winner that can contend for years.

"That's why I came here," he said. "I believe in this team and I know we can win the World Series with the talent that we have."

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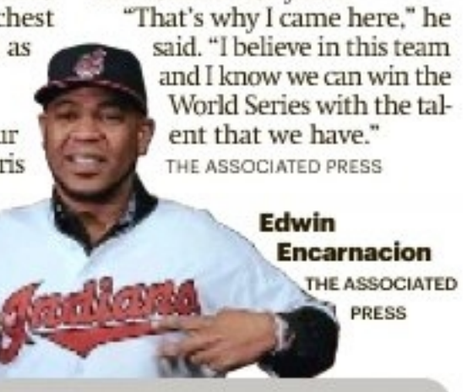

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IN BRIEF

Match-fixing resurfaces ahead of Australian Open

Match-fixing in tennis is back on the radar, less than two weeks before the Australian Open.

Victoria state police on Thursday charged an 18-year-old man following an investigation by detectives from the Sporting Integrity Intelligence Unit into allegations of match-fixing at a lower-tier tournament in Traralgon, 160 kilometres southeast of Melbourne, in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reports: Cavs trade for sharpshooting Korver

Atlanta Hawks shooting guard Kyle Korver stayed put on the bench Thursday night against the New Orleans Pelicans amid trade reports involving the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Korver, who has shot nearly 43 per cent from three-point range for his career, participated in the shootaround and shook teammates' hands during the final warm-up session before tip-off.

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Rodgers' faith buoys Packers

NFL PLAYOFFS

Green Bay won its last six games to get to postseason

Aaron Rodgers backed up his confidence-boosting "run-the-table" statement with a remarkable six-game run of quarterback play that helped get the Green Bay Packers in the playoffs.

In the locker-room, or on sideline conversations in practice, Rodgers' attitude didn't change. He remained steady, and believed in his teammates whether they were two games under .500 or NFC North champions.

Winners of six straight games, the Packers hope to keep their hot streak going Sunday when they meet the New York Giants in an NFC playoff game.

"The biggest compliment I could give him, he is coming in here every single week and been the same dude," centre Corey Linsley said Wednesday night after practice. "No matter when we were 4-3 or 4-6 or where we are now, he's never changed who he is. I think having that kind of consistency, with your leader is huge."

A strong arm and uncanny knack to extend plays helps a lot, too.

Rodgers has thrown 15 touchdown passes without an interception during the winning streak. In fact, Rodgers hasn't been picked off since Week 10 in a 47-25 loss at Tennessee.

Keep in mind that Rodgers was hurt during much of December, playing with either a sore hamstring or sore calf. Both injuries have subsided, as evidenced by how much Rodgers hurt Detroit last week outside the pocket in a 31-24 win to clinch the NFC North title.

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The Packers are 7.5-point favourites for Sunday's game.

"Inside the pocket he can shred you, he can make all the throws," Giants linebacker Jonathan Casillas said. "To think that such a good passer, you would think they'd get him out of the pocket, damper him, or put some type of uneasiness about him — but no, he's very comfortable outside the pocket."

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers scrambles away from Lions defensive tackle A'Shawn Robinson on Sunday in Detroit. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rodgers was 23 of 45 for 259 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions in the teams' first meeting on Oct. 9, a 23-16 win for Green Bay at Lambeau Field. That was back when the Packers were still trying to find their groove on offence.

Those big-play Packers are back, having scored at least 30 points each of the last four weeks.

But the Giants have changed, too, especially on defence. Just look at how New York flustered the high-octane Washington Redskins in a 19-10 win on the road that eliminated their NFC East foes from playoff contention.

The Giants have the second-best defence in the league, allowing just 17.8 points per game.

"Well, they're playing very good run defence ... and they've got playmakers in their back end," coach Mike McCarthy said about the Giants' improvements since the teams met in Week 5.

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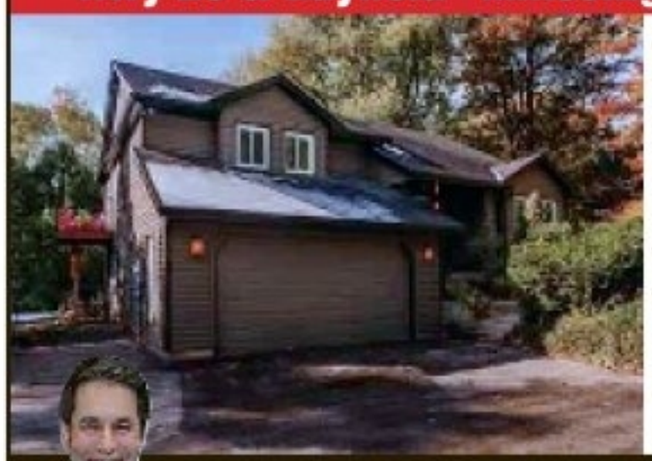

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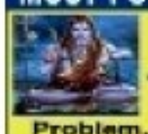

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- 1/3 red onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 or 2 stalks of fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- flat bread or prepared pizza crust
- 1 1/2 cups grated Fontina cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Slice vegetables very thinly, particularly potatoes. Place them on a baking sheet. Drizzle with oil, season with rosemary leaves and salt and pepper. Give everything a toss and then spread them out evenly on the sheet.

2. Bake for about 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Remove from the oven.

3. Place flat bread or pizza crust on another baking sheet. Arrange cooked vegetables, including the rosemary, on top. Sprinkle cheese evenly across. Pop the whole thing back in the oven for 7 or 8 minutes, until the cheese is melted and beginning to brown.

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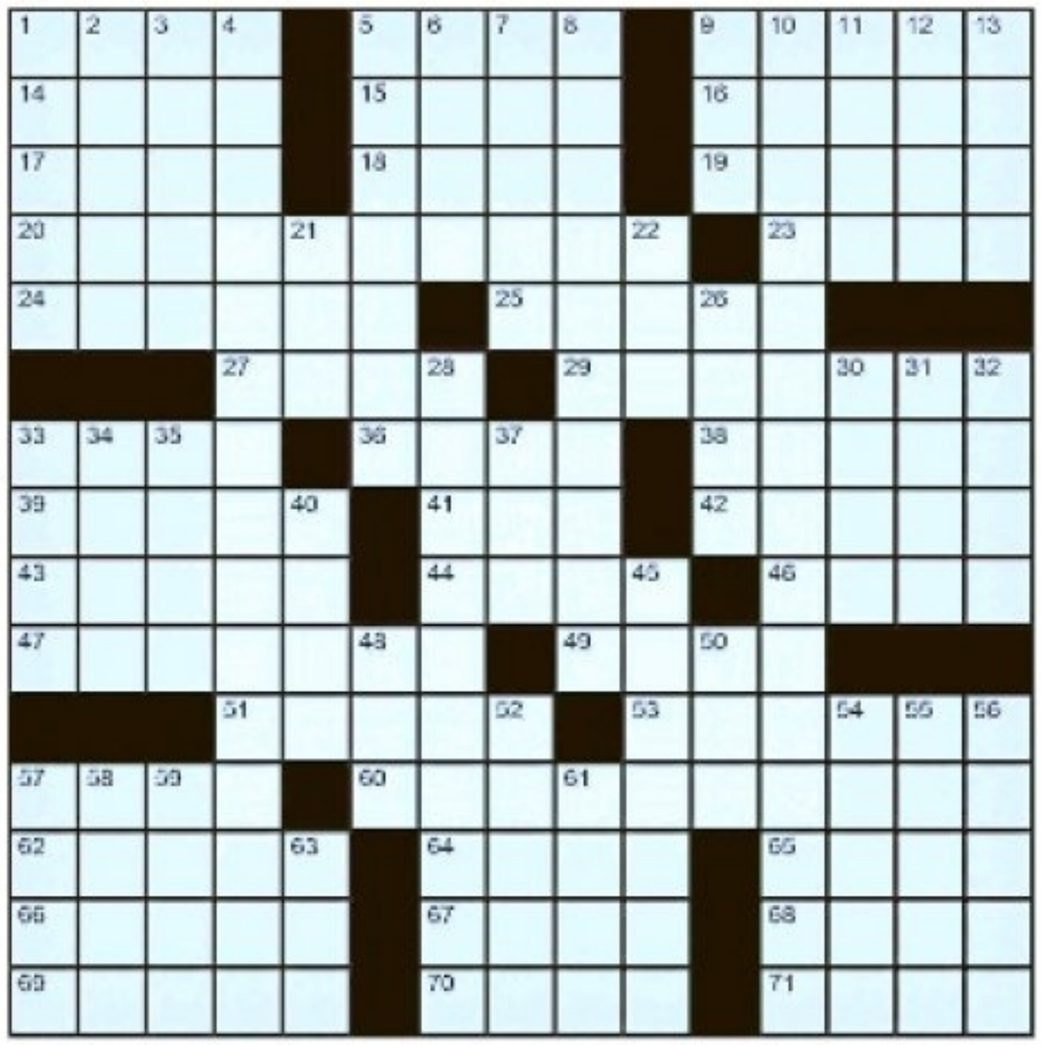

ACROSS
1. The __, Jeff Bridges' role in "The Big Lebowski" (1998)
5. Dr.'s scheduled time
9. James Cameron directed movie, "The __" (1989)
14. Cast-__ pan
15. "__ Window" (1954)
16. Hope
17. __-dong!
18. Scotch __
19. White wine of Italy
20. It is Nunavut's southernmost community
23. Staff on a plane
24. Feudal lords
25. Ghost's quarters
27. Ms. Gabor's
29. Justin Bieber album: '__ 2.0'
33. Paul Bunyan's blue ox
36. Brood of pheasants
38. Sia song
39. Once-__ (Quick inspections)
41. Not specialized [abbr.]
42. Seal
43. Illuminated the candle again
44. Actresses Ms. Naldi or Ms. Talbot
46. Traverse the seas
47. City in Spain
49. Cinch
51. Rankle
53. Canadian actress/soprano, Deanna __ (b.1921 - d.2013)
57. Territory
60. Quinoa, blueberries, sweet potatoes and seaweed ...to name just a few
62. Space denizen
64. Drove
65. Type of acid
66. Tropical bean tree
67. Hosp. heart recordings
68. Largest lake of Ethiopia which is the source of the Blue Nile River
69. Disagreeable sorts
70. Tal Bachman's "__ So High"
71. Dutch for 'city'

DOWN
1. "Say that thou __ forsake me..." - Shakespeare
2. Dickensian schemer Mr. Heep
3. Ms. Pescow of "Saturday Night Fever" (1977)
4. Achievement Alfalfa ones: 2 wds.
11. 2017
12. Keep
13. Diving duck
21. Mr. Spacey, to pals
22. Shortened amount
26. "__ Here" by Beyonce
28. 'John Hancock', and others
30. Latvia's capital
31. Nero's 57
32. Computer company
33. Villainous group in the 'Star Trek' universe, The __
34. Solemnly affirm
35. Mr. Lugosi
37. Vox populi, vox __
40. Twinkler
45. Bond Girl, Ursula __
48. "__ Boot" (1981)
50. Canadian rocker, Melissa __ der Maur
52. Historical time
54. TV reporter from Kazakhstan in the movies
55. "Let It Go" singer Ms. Menzel
56. Visual arts univ. in Halifax
57. Breath mints, tic __
58. __ Bator, Mongolia
59. Puerto __
61. Knife part
63. Tel. book listings such as the CN Tower: 2 wds.
5. __ breads (Handmade loaves)
6. Ring loudly
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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might join forces with a boss or someone in a position of authority to introduce reforms and improvements to where you work. Why not run it up the flagpole to see if anyone salutes?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do not try to coerce others into agreeing with your politics or your religion today. Everyone is allowed to believe in what they want to believe in, including you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a poor day to discuss how to share or divide something, especially an inheritance. People are too passionate and too emotional.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Resist the urge to try to give a makeover to someone close to you. This person will not see your suggestions as improvements. Instead, he or she will hear them as criticisms.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Speak up with your ideas about how to improve your job or work environment. Someone might listen to you today. Who knows?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be patient with children today. Meanwhile, lovers will find that this is a passionate, memorable day! Oh yeah.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Family discussions will be intense today. You might want to deflect some of this energy into making repairs to the bathroom or anything to do with laundry, garbage and recycling.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your words are very persuasive today. That's why this is a strong day for those of you who sell, market and write.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be careful when shopping today, because you might become obsessed with needing to have something. This is not the right frame of mind for spending money.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take a realistic look in the mirror today and ask yourself what you can do to improve your image. Why not look your best?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Research will reveal secrets today, almost certainly. Deciding what to do with these secrets is your challenge. The most important thing is kindness. Do not harm others.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A powerful friend might persuade you to change your goals today. Or perhaps you are the powerful friend persuading someone else. A healthy friendship allows for differences and respects them.

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